



**Amherst Medical Reserve Corps**  
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## July 2005 Amherst MRC Updates

- **MRC ID Badges**

I have all of the badges for which photos have been taken. I am ordering lanyards that will be color coded.

**Anyone who has not had an ID badge photo taken:** Please call or email Theresa Laizer at Amherst College Dining Services to set up an appointment. 413-542-5820 [talaizer@amherst.edu](mailto:talaizer@amherst.edu)

- **Public Access Defib Project**

We have raised \$700 thus far. If you have more ideas about folks or organizations in the community to whom a donation request could be sent or are willing to help with this community project by becoming a CPR instructor, please let Kate know.

- **Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) course**

Please sign up for this women's self defense course on the sign up sheet or by emailing Kate. Your friends, neighbors, and coworkers are welcome. The course will be a series of four 4-hour sessions, most likely in an every-other week format. We need 12-15 students in order to run the course. It will be fun! DATES: TBA by Josh

- **CPR Training**

Please sign up on the sign up sheet or by emailing [katek@amherstma.gov](mailto:katek@amherstma.gov). DATES: 6-10pm Wednesdays August 31, September 7, and September 14 (if needed) Must attend all three. Will cancel last class if class is small and/or we finish all of the material.

- **HAN Training**

Please sign up on the sign up sheet **and indicate first and second choice**. DATES: Monday, August 15 or Wednesday August 24 any of the following times: 10:30am-11:30am, 3:30pm-4:30pm, 6:30pm-7:30pm

- **Work in Progress: Fall Flu Clinic/Drill**

We will keep you posted. The October training will probably change topics (to Mass Dispensing Sites) to accommodate this idea and so that we are ready in time for flu shot season.

- **Upcoming training opportunities (details and registration forms are attached\*)**

Introduction to Animals in Disasters October 26, 2005 @ Mullins Center (no fee)

Advanced Disaster Medical Provider Course September 16, 2005 West Dover, VT (\$99.00 I am working on possible funding for 2-3 people) \*If you are interested in either of these, please let me know and we can go as a group.

- **National Incident Management System Online Training**

For anyone who was not present for the May NIMS training, please complete the IS-700 training module online at <http://training.fema.gov/> Scroll down to "New Courses." Warning: it's dry...but it's the standard that is being pushed across the country in emergency response groups and we need to comply.

- **National Core Competency Committee**

Please give me any feedback regarding our trainings or directions that you would like to see MRC trainings head on the national level. I will be serving on a national committee to address MRC training and core competencies that the national program can support and recommend. I will be representing the northeast region of the country.

- **Amherst MRC Leadership**

We are creating a leadership structure for the Amherst MRC based on the incident command system and ideas from MRCs nationwide. Several of you indicated your interest in a leadership role on our 2005 program surveys. Please let Josh, Kate, or Julie know of your continued or new interest in a leadership role. We plan to hold interviews in August & September and have a structure in place by the fall.

### NEXT MRC MEETING & TRAINING:

**6:30pm Monday, August 8, 2005 Lower Internal Meeting Room – Bangs Community Center  
CERT Module**

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